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For: WATER SOFTENER MANIFOLD RETAINER ASSEMBLY

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- (X) 18 pages of specification, including 20 claims and an abstract.
- (X) an executed oath or declaration, with power of attorney.
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- ( ) Claim for Priority and Priority Document.

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| a) Basic Fee                         |           |   |           |   |          | \$ 750.00                                |
| b) Independent Claims                | <u>2</u>  | - | <u>3</u>  | = | <u>0</u> | x \$ 84.00 = \$ <u>0</u>                 |
| c) Total Claims                      | <u>20</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = | <u>0</u> | x \$ 18.00 = \$ <u>0</u>                 |
| d) Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims |           |   |           |   |          | \$ 280.00 = \$ <u>    </u>               |
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